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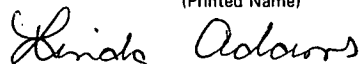
Applicants: Besser et al.
Title: METHOD OF IMPLANTING
COPPER BARRIER
MATERIAL TO IMPROVE
ELECTRICAL
PERFORMANCE

Appl. No.: 09/994,397

Appl. Filing Date: 11/26/2001

Examiner: Guerrero, Maria F.

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

[X] Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on

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RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	= \$770.00
Total Claims:	20	- 20	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	3	- 3	= 0	x \$86.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$290.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$770.00

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CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$880.00
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TOTAL FEE:			\$880.00

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[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below. A one month extension is being paid because the United States Patent and Trademark Office has not yet provided an Advisory Action despite the filing of a response to Final Office Action on the two month date. Accordingly, Applicants do not believe that a three month extension fee is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

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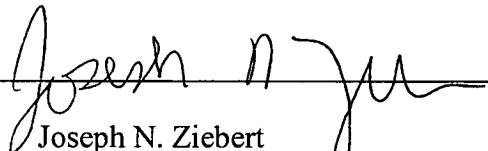
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